

**Important Dates:**

**8/22 – PTO Meeting**

**8/22 – Color Walk Launch**

**8/22 – Mock Schedule 7/8**

**8/28 – Mock Schedule K-6**

**8/30 – Spirit Wear Day**

**9/13 – Last day to order CW shirt**

**10/4 – Color Walk**

**11/7 – PTO meeting 8am**

**\*See Stewardship update for Stewardship Friday dates**

**Date:** February 8, 2024

**Prayer and Introductions**

**Presidents Report – Sarah Hill**

* Board Introduction
	+ President- Sarah Hill
	+ Vice President – Amanda Gray
	+ Treasurer – Lauren Mudd
	+ Secretary – Katie Sullivan
	+ Director of Communication & Engagement – Lauren Alderman
* New Board Position – Director of Communication & Engagement
	+ All PTO communications will be driven through the Pony
	+ Subscribe to Google calendar, iCalendar – official school calendar plus extra dates
	+ Will highlight what the PTO is putting money towards in effort to keep everyone in the loop
	+ Streamline communication
	+ Make social media posts to help get community engaged

**Treasurers Report – Lauren Mudd**

* Currently have $119,000
* Budgeted to spend $98,000
	+ Examples – curriculum, parties, field day, supplies in classrooms, supporting various needs of our teachers, teacher luncheons, recess equipment, etc

**Vice Presidents Report – Amanda Gray**

* Reminder of Policies and Procedures
	+ One ask initiative for fundraising – no requests for gift cards, donation, or anything extra throughout the year
	+ Cash Flow - allow PTO to use our funds to order whenever possible and limit reimbursement
	+ Compliance – Safe Environment Training (SET) and background check compliance for all volunteers – this must be completed to volunteer with children under 18

**Spirit Wear Update – Katie Sullivan**

* Pink shirts were added to the spirit wear website
* Spirit wear is sent home from school with your child
* Website – CelticSpiritWear.com
* Contact – CelticSpiritWear@gmail.com

**Step by Step Stewardship Program – Kelsey Schuhmann & Heather Lange**

* A responsibility of Christians to care for and manage God’s creation in whatever way God brings us into contact with it. Time, Talent, and Treasure
* Susan Reuter began the Step by Step Stewardship program in 2002
* WHY: to teach our students to recognize the gifts that God has given them
* FOCUS
	+ K – Gratitude
	+ 1 – Sacrifice
	+ 2 – Gifts
	+ 3 – Dignity
	+ 4 – Humility
	+ 5 – Integrity
	+ 6 – Fellowship
* Kelsey Schuhmann – K – 3, Heather Lange – 4 – 6
* Stewardship Fridays – 9/27, 10/25, 12/6, 1/24, 2/28, 3/21

**Major Fundraiser – Lauren Mudd**

* THE COLOR WALK – Step Right Up!
	+ Launched 8/22/24 – Fundraising begins
	+ Circus Theme
	+ 9/13 – Last day to purchase Color Walk shirt, last day for corporate donations
	+ 10/4 – All students participate in the Color Walk during the school day – wear walk shirt & spirit wear approved bottoms
	+ Website is live!
	+ Signups for Color Walk volunteer will be pushed through the Pony
	+ Volunteers will be chosen via randomizer to keep everything fair and transparent

**Plans for 24 – 25 Funds Raised – Sarah Hill**

* Fulfilling teacher needs – supplies, furniture in classrooms, etc
	+ New whiteboards
	+ Wed love to say “yes” to as many asks from teachers as we can
* Teacher Appreciation week
* Monthly teacher lunch from Chicken Salad chick
* Stocking teacher lounges with food and drink

**Principcals Report – Dr. Sturtzel**

* Life updates – a look into Dr. Sturtzel’s family life!
* 8/22 – 6:30 – 8:00 mock schedule for 7- 8
* 8/28 – 5:30 – 7:45 mock schedule for K – 6
	+ K - 3 5:30 – 6:30
	+ 4 – 6:45 – 7:45
* ~30 fewer students this year – due to moves, homeschooling, average transfers
* Each grade has roughly 62- 68 students, JK + K combined has 81 students, enrollment still strong
* Each class gets “flex time”
* Grade 4 and up will have mixed student class time – historically this has only been grades 7 & 8
* Cafeteria schedule – “waterfall” – grades come in every 10 minutes to avoid having to split lesson time, prevents the lunch line from getting backed up
* JK – 5 will have two recesses per day this year – to give children breaks, move their bodies
	+ Morning exercise/snack break
	+ Afternoon lunch/recess time
* Grades 7 & 8 wont do Friday Step by Step stewardship activities, but do have opportunities to give time, talent, treasure
* Importance of parents monitoring their child’s activity on social media. Inappropriate behavior on social media has lead to expel
* Discussed Energy Bus book – St. Patrick is Energy Bus certified (book free on Audible)
	+ Create a positive vision
	+ Fuel with positive energy
	+ No bullies allowed
	+ Love the passengers
	+ Enjoy the ride